

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 1988

PURCHASE OF  
DIAL-A-RIDE MINI  
VANS APPROVED

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The City Council approved the purchase of two 1988 Dodge mini vans and two radios, and authorized staff to submit a revised claim for Transportation Development Act funds in the amount of \$32,000 to pay for this equipment.

The City Council was apprised by Assistant City Manager Glenn that when the City submitted the 1988-89 claim for Transportation Development Act funds \$27,000 was included for additional equipment. It was thought that the City could purchase a small bus with wheelchair capability for these funds. As further analysis was done, it was concluded that more pieces of equipment were needed rather than one large one. A bus carries more people than a mini van, however, to utilize it to its maximum, large numbers of people need to be picked up in the same area at the same time and be transported to the same area at the same time. The characteristics of Dial-A-Ride do not conform to that criteria. The City of Lodi has larger numbers of people but their point of origin, time of service, and destination varies. Therefore, the best approach is to have a larger number of smaller vehicles. Mini vans can carry up to seven people rather than the four to five in the station wagons.

When it was determined Staff would recommend this course of action to the City Council, there was a misinterpretation of that decision and the vehicles were ordered without going to formal bid. The price from Hayward Dodge is \$14,300 including tax.

in discussing this with the City Attorney and Purchasing Officer, Staff has two alternatives to the situation: cancel the order and go to bid, or Council can find it is in the best interest of the City to go ahead with the purchase.

If the order can be cancelled and go to bid City will pay more for the vehicles than the order price and it will take another five or six months to obtain delivery. Telephone bids were made to the following Dodge agencies and received the following prices and delivery quotations:

		<u>Delivery</u>
Swift Dodge	\$15,000	6 months
Stockton Dodge	\$14,300	12-14 weeks
Weil Motors	\$14,800	12-14 weeks